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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE TO ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN
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Classified By: Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm for Reasons 1.5 (B,D)

1. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel oral message via telcon on August 4 to Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher, who was in Kuwait on official business. Ambassador stressed the need for Jordanian help in steering the Arab League to support the Iraqi Governing Council and Palestinian PM Abbas. Muasher expressed his agreement with the Secretary's message and said that Jordan would do its part to try and achieve a positive outcome in Cairo.

2. (C) PM Abbas enjoys close relations with the GOJ, as evidenced by his stops in Amman to meet with King Abdullah both before and after his recent trip to Washington. During the latter, Abbas expressed optimism following his Washington meetings, according to FM Muasher.
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